

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 5, and ending at page 12, line 16, as follows:

As shown in a sectional view of Fig. ~~[[3A]]~~ 3, each of a CD and a CD-ROM has a center hole formed at the center and having a diameter of 15 mm, and is chucked in a clamping area defining an innermost circular area about the center O of the center hole. Also, an area having a diameter of 46 mm to 50 mm and an area having a diameter of 50 mm to 116 mm about the center O of the center hole are assigned to a lead-in area and a program area, respectively. User data is recorded in the program area, and management data for the user data, etc. are recorded in the lead-in area. Further, a lead-out area is assigned outside the lead-in area and the program area.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 17, and ending at page 12, line 25, as follows:

~~On the other hand, as shown in Fig. 3B in comparison with Fig. 3A, a~~ A CD-R and a CD-RW have the same outer shape as a CD and a CD-ROM, and each have a lead-in area, a program area and a lead-out area which are formed similarly to those of a CD and a CD-ROM. Further, a CD-R and a CD-RW each have, inside the lead-in area, a PCA (Power Calibration Area) for a laser beam during recording and a PMA (Program Memory Area) temporarily recording address information necessary for subsequent recording.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 19, line 20, and ending at page 20, line 6, as follows:

Further, in this embodiment, the RF processing circuit 10 selectively processes, in the recording mode, those of the light detection results obtained from the areas A to H, which are

obtained from the areas E and F receiving the return light corresponding to the sub-beam spot SP1 formed on the preceding side with respect to the scan of the main beam spot SP0, thereby detecting ~~detects~~ defects on the optical disc 3. Herein, the term “preceding side” means the side in which the relevant area is scanned by the sub-beam spot earlier than scanned by the main beam spot SP0 regardless of the radial direction and the circumferential direction of the optical disc 3.